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1. In June, the Canton Public Health Department established a so-called Canton People's Anti-Air Raid Salvage Committee. The committee then set up fifteen classes throughout Canton to train young people in first aid practices.
2. The classes lasted for five weeks, and the training included staunching of bleeding, anti-gas measures, the use of stretchers, and other elements of first aid. Altogether 832 young people and shop employees were required to take the training.
3. On 20 August, LI Ta-ch'ao (李達潮), chief of the Canton Public Health Department, delivered a speech at graduation exercises in which he disclosed that the graduates were to be transferred to the Northeast for six months' practice in the theater of war, after which they would be returned to Canton.
4. Immediately after the graduation ceremonies Public Security personnel led by FAN Kuo-hua (范國華), deputy chief of the Canton Public Health Department, escorted all graduates, except six who were ill, to the Ta Sha Ho (大沙河) Railroad Station. They then left by a special train for Wuhan.

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